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3 FEB 98TITLE OF INVENTION Interference Suppression System In An Engine With Permanent
Magnets Activating a Functional Motor Vehicle Element

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1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
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14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
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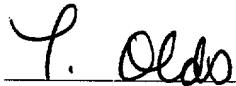
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Noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor
for activating a functional device in a motor vehicle

5 The present invention relates to a noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor for activating a functional device in a motor vehicle.

10 In general, such motors include supply brushes associated with a commutator and connected to an external power supply by supply leads.

 In addition, such motors also generally include a metal casing.

15 A certain number of noise suppression systems for these motors have already been developed in the prior art.

 However, all these systems have proved to be relatively ineffective or to have too high a manufacturing cost for a general application to this type of motor.

20 The object of the invention is therefore to solve these problems.

 For this purpose, the subject of the invention is a noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor for activating a functional device in a motor vehicle, in which the motor includes supply brushes connected to an external power supply by leads and a metal casing, characterized in that each brush is connected to the metal casing of the motor through at least one noise suppression capacitor, in that the
25 metal casing of the motor is connected to the vehicle's earth and in that the metal casing of the motor and the functional device have complementary means for earthing the casing.
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 The invention will be more clearly understood
35 with the aid of the description which follows, given solely by way of example and with reference to the appended drawing, which shows a schematic diagram illustrating the general structure of a noise



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suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor according to the invention.

5 This figure shows the general structure of a permanent-magnet motor for activating, for example, a functional device in a motor vehicle, this motor being denoted by the general reference number 1.

10 This motor has, for example, a metal casing denoted by the general reference number 2, in which, for example, permanent magnets denoted by the general reference number 3 and a rotating part denoted by the general reference number 4 are placed, the said rotating part being provided with a shaft 5 on which, for example, a commutator denoted by the general reference number 6 and other devices of conventional type, denoted by the general reference number 7, are placed.

20 The commutator 6 is associated with supply brushes, for example 8 and 9, which are connected by supply leads, for example 10 and 11, to a power supply external to the motor, denoted by the general reference number 12 in this figure.

25 According to the invention, each supply brush, that is to say the brushes 8 and 9, is connected to the metal casing 2 of the motor through at least one noise suppression capacitor, such as the capacitors 13 and 14, and the metal casing 2 of the motor is connected to the vehicle's earth, for example at 15, in any suitable manner, as will be described in greater detail below.

30 In fact, this makes it possible to form two noise suppression circuits essentially of the LC type on the brushes, in so far as the leads 10 and 11 have a certain intrinsic inductance.

35 These leads may also be associated with specific inductors, such as the inductors denoted by the general reference numbers 16 and 17 in this figure, or they may consist of ferrite-loaded wires of conventional type, that is to say in which the conducting core of these wires is placed in a ferrite

sheath which is itself surrounded by a layer of insulating material.

Such a structure therefore makes it possible to match the characteristics of the LC circuits to the desired noise suppression characteristics.

The metal casing 2 of the motor may, as described above, be connected to the vehicle's earth in any suitable manner.

Thus, for example, this casing may be connected to the vehicle's earth through an earthing braid or a supporting piece of the functional device with which the motor is associated, etc.

Thus, for example, the metal casing of the motor may be earthed by a piece for fastening this
15 motor to the rest of the functional device.

For example, if the activating motor is a motor for activating a so-called motor-operated adjustable seat of a motor vehicle, the metal casing of the motor may be connected to the vehicle's earth through the slideway of the seat or other device.

It is thus understood that such a structure then has a certain of advantages, especially with regard to its simplicity and therefore its production cost.

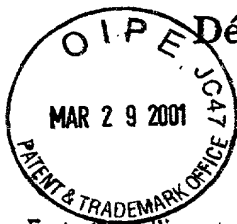
CLAIMS

1. Noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor for activating a functional device in a motor vehicle, in which the motor (1) includes supply brushes (8, 9) connected to an external power supply (12) by leads (10, 11) and a metal casing (2), characterized in that each brush (8, 9) is connected to the metal casing (2) of the motor through at least one noise suppression capacitor (13, 14), in that the metal casing (2) of the motor (1) is connected to the vehicle's earth (at 15) and in that the metal casing (2) of the motor and the functional device have complementary means for earthing the casing.
2. System according to Claim 1, characterized in that the supply leads (10, 11) are associated with inductors (16, 17).
3. System according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the supply leads (10, 11) are formed by ferrite-loaded wires.
4. System according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the means for earthing the casing of the motor comprise means for fastening this motor to the functional device.

US CLAIMS

1. Noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor for activating a functional device in a motor vehicle, in which the motor (1) includes supply brushes (8, 9) connected to an external power supply (12) by leads (10, 11) and a metal casing (2), characterized in that each brush (8, 9) is connected to the metal casing (2) of the motor through at least one noise suppression capacitor (13, 14), in that the metal casing (2) of the motor (1) is connected to the vehicle's earth (at 15) and in that the metal casing (2) of the motor and the functional device have complementary means for earthing the casing.
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4. System according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the means for earthing the casing of the motor comprise means for fastening this motor to the functional device.

Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application



Déclaration et Pouvoirs pour Demande de Brevet

French Language Declaration

En tant que l'inventeur nommé ci-après, je déclare par le présent acte que:

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"Noise suppression system for a permanent-magnet motor for activating a functional device in a motor vehicle".

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

- ☒ was filed on 29 January 1999 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/FR99/00193 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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